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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 WILD WEST WINERY, LAKE COUNTY

Regional Water Board staff has reviewed your 31 May 2006 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for coverage under Regional Board Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region*. The RWD included a Notice of Non-Applicability for compliance with the storm water General Permit and an \$872 filing fee. Our review finds the RWD to be complete.

Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 (a copy of which is enclosed) is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small food processors, including wineries. Based on the information you have submitted, the discharge as described in the RWD satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of grapes crushed and wastewater produced.

Discharge Description

Rhonda and Mike Hood (Discharger) own the land on which the proposed Wild West Winery will operate. The proposed winery is located on 19 acres at 1435 Big Valley Road in Lakeport, Lake County (APN 008-021-15). The winery will crush less than 80 tons of grapes per year producing approximately 6,000 cases of wine annually. The Discharger has estimated that a maximum of 72,000 gallons of winery process wastewater will be produced on an annual basis. The crush pad and the equipment cleaning area will be located inside a barn. The winery wastewater will be collected in floor drains that are connected to a 2,500 gallon plastic holding tank situated outside the winery facility. From the holding tank, wastewater will be pumped as needed into portable tank spray tractor rig. The wastewater will then be applied evenly over five acres of land planted for the harvesting of hay.

The Discharger has estimated that approximately 10 to 12 tons of solids (grape stems, seeds, and skins) will be produced annually based on the expected volume to be crushed each year. This solid waste will be evenly applied to five acres of the vineyard using a fertilizer spreader and tilled into the soil.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD and subsequent information provided by the

California Environmental Protection Agency

Discharger, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the projected volume of wastewater and process solids produced. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual monitoring report that contains the information described in Items No. 1, 2 and 5 of the monitoring and reporting program must be submitted by **1 February** of each year.

If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the volume of wastewater increases beyond 72,000 gallons per year, or the method of winery wastewater and solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new RWD. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with a filing fee to renew the waiver, or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648.

- Original Signed by Jack E. Del Conte/for -

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Executive Officer

Enc: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

cc w/o enc: Ray Ruminski, Lake County Environmental Health Department, Lakeport